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Mail Stop Amendment

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In response to the action mailed April 27, 2005, applicants elect the invention of Group I, i.e., claims 1-17, drawn to a method of making a magnetic recording medium by crystallizing before deposition. The election is made without traverse.

Applicants take this opportunity to request amendments to claims 1, 10, 13, and 15 as set forth at pages 2 and 3 below.

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